

**Remarks/Arguments**

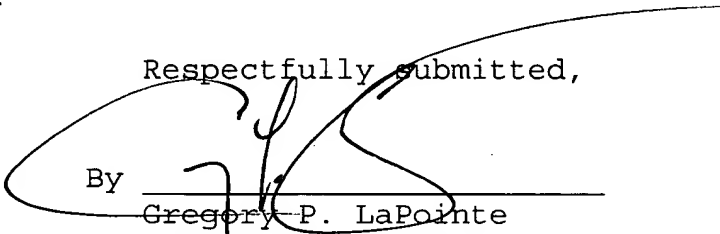
New independent claim 31 is broader in scope than previously allowed claim 8 in that the new independent claim does not require that the control circuit control both the read and write of digital information but rather the read or write of digital information.

An early action on the merits of new claims 31 through 41 is respectfully requested.

If any additional fees are required in connection with this case, it is respectfully requested that they be charged to Deposit Account No. 02-0184.

Respectfully submitted,

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